

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA  
HARRISONBURG DIVISION**

**CRIMINAL MINUTES – INITIAL APPEARANCE  
FOR CRIMINAL INFORMATION**

Case No.: 5:19CR00017

Date: 5/21/2019

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**Defendant: Frank Jesse Amnott, present, custody**

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**Counsel:** Andrew Graves, present, cja

PRESENT: JUDGE: Joel C. Hoppe, USMJ TIME IN COURT: 11:49-12:06=17 min  
Deputy Clerk: Karen Dotson  
Court Reporter: Karen Dotson, FTR  
U. S. Attorney: Chris Kavanagh  
USPO: Rachel Funkhouser  
Case Agent: FBI SA Steve Duenas  
Interpreter: n/a

## **PROCEEDINGS:**

- Defendant requests appointment of counsel. CJA 23 completed; counsel will be appointed prior to defendant's next scheduled court appearance, counsel previously appointed in a sealed misc case, court confirms appointment to continue representation
- Waiver of Indictment filed. (Only required for felony charges)
- Felony Information filed.
- Plea Agreement filed with court.
- Initial Appearance. Defendant(s) advised of charges, rights and nature of proceedings.
- Defendant placed on type and amount of bond. bond.
- Defendant remanded to custody.
- Guilty plea hearing scheduled for TO BE SET before Hon. Dillon.

In addition to the standard conditions of release, the following special conditions of release are imposed:

- The defendant shall avoid contact outside the presence of his/her counsel with any alleged victims or potential witnesses regarding his/her case.
- The defendant shall report as directed by the probation officer, and shall promptly report any personal status changes to the probation officer: this shall include immediately reporting any contact by law enforcement officers regarding a criminal investigation or any additional criminal charges placed against the defendant; the defendant shall continue to reside at his/her current residence, and shall not change residences without first obtaining permission from the probation officer.
- The defendant shall abstain from the excessive OR any use of alcohol or any use or possession of any controlled substances unless prescribed by a licensed treating physician for a legitimate medical purpose.
- The defendant shall not possess a firearm or other dangerous weapon and shall reside in a residence free of such.
- The defendant shall submit to random drug and or alcohol testing as directed by the probation officer.
- The defendant shall not travel outside the Western District of Virginia without first obtaining permission from the probation officer.
- The defendant shall submit to warrantless search and seizure of his/her person and property as directed by the probation officer for the purpose of determining if he/she is in compliance with his/her conditions of pretrial release.
- The defendant shall actively seek and/or maintain employment.
- The defendant shall maintain or commence an education program.
- The defendant shall surrender his/her passport to the Probation Office to be held pending further order of the court; the defendant shall not apply to obtain a passport.
- The defendant shall not associate with any known users/possessors of illegal controlled substances and shall not be present in any location where illegal controlled substances are being used and/or distributed, unless approved by his/her supervising officer in cooperation with law enforcement officers.

- The defendant shall be placed on home detention subject to electronic monitoring and all residential absences must be approved in advance by the probation officer.
- The defendant shall continue in his/her current mental health OR substance abuse OR both counseling/treatment program at his/her own expense.
- The defendant shall allow the probation officer open communication with any treatment agencies or health care providers for the purpose of monitoring the defendant's compliance with all treatment requirements.
- Any animals on the premises of the defendant's residence must be restrained in a way so as to not interfere with the probation officer's access to the defendant's residence and to ensure the officer's safety.
- Defendant advised of penalties and sanctions for failure to appear and/or violating conditions of release.

Additional Information:

Dft sworn

Dft 31 yo, half way through master's program

Dft has worked as a registered nurse

No mental health treatment, no meds, no drugs, no alcohol

Court confirms appointment of Mr. Graves

Dft waives formal reading of indictment

Dft arraigned

Dft pleads not guilty to all 3 charges in the information

Case is death penalty eligible, however gov't is not seeking the death penalty

Dft is being held on states charges

Gov't seeks detention, dft does not seek release at this time

Dft remanded to USM custody